Atomic Research Centre experts have established that the equipment is safe for operation and that there is no exposure to radiation. All measures have been taken to safeguard the health of the workers from radiation.

**Signing of Memorandum of Understanding for Purchase of HMS Hermes from UK**

257. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently signed a memorandum of understanding with UK for the purchase of Royal Navy's aircraft carrier HMS Hermes for 60 million dollars which has become obsolete and was on the verge of being scrapped ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and in what manner the ship is likely to be useful for the Indian Navy even after it has been refurbished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding was concluded on the 13th March 1986, for the purchase of HMS Hermes. The agreement of sale has been signed with Ministry of Defence, U.K. on 19th April, 1986. The cost of the package is likely to be around 63 million dollars inclusive of dry-docking and refit, spares, stores and services.

In the light of the threat perception, the availability of second aircraft carrier is considered desirable. The aircraft carrier HMS Hermes has the facilities for operating Sea Harrier aircraft and Seaking helicopter, which are already part of the Indian Navy's air-arm. HMS Hermes will be fully operational when she joins the Indian Navy and is expected to serve till the end of the century.

**Decisions at the National Integration Council**

258. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the discussions held and decisions taken at the National Integration Council meet held on the 7th April, 1986 in New Delhi; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken in regard to ethnic conditions previaling in Sri Lanka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU ) : (a) The National Integration Council Meeting held on 7-4-1986 deliberated on "National Integration and Communal Harmony, in the context of the situation in Punjab" The NIC adopted a resolution and set up a 21 members standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Jagjiva Ram to Function on a continuing basis. The task of the Standing Committee will be to formulate both short-term and long-term measures for preserving national integration in various aspects all over the country.

(b) No. Sir.

**Use of indigenous components in Colour T.V. sets**

259. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one major Central public sector unit has come out with esigns of colour television sets uing maximum indigenous compon nts, including Integrated Circuits ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that another Central public sector unit has imported integrated circuits and other components for over 2,00,000 colour television sets during the same period ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS, OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) a Government of India public sector undertaking, has given out a design of CTV receiver, incorporating ICs and other components developed by it, as well as other components made indigenously.

(b) and (c) Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), a public sector undertaking of the Government of India, has released during 1985-86 purchase orders for the import of 2,00,000 sets of ICs and varying lesser quantities of certain other components for Colour TV (CTV) sets. These components are being imported by ET&T for the CTVs under their "Material, Technology, Brand Name" (MTB) programme. The design for these CTVs was finalised by ET&T much before BEL came up with their design of CTV receiver. ET&T had finalised these orders before BEL announced its design. ET&T is progressively indigenising its design, by substituting imported components with indigenous ones, as far as practicable. The BEL design is also under consideration of ET&T and after evaluation, if found suitable, can be considered for introduction through their MTB plan.

**Import of Video Cassette Records by E.T. & T.**

260. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronics Trade and Technical Development Corporation Limited has recently imported 1000 video cassette records; and

(b) if so, what arguments were advanced by them to the Ministry of Commerce while seeking permission for such import ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPRATMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) is conisidering import of VCRs for the Teleteach programme.

**Proposal of UK for extradition of Criminals**

261. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of UK have submitted to the Government of India a draft treaty for extradition of persons wanted for crimes in each other's country ; and

(b) whether the Government of India have accepted the proposals made by the UK Government; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) No. Sir, it is the Government of India who have handed over a draft of an